

FRIENDS' FOOTNOTES



OCTOBER 2025

President's Letter

Happy October!

I hope this finds all our Friends happy and healthy!

We had another great speaker at our September meeting. Ron Smith, Professor of Astronomy and Meteorology, spoke about colonizing Mars. I think all of us in attendance agreed we'll remain on Earth, thank you very much.

My goodness, what a whirlwind of activity we've had in the last two months! We managed to survive our last Book Sale of the year, in our usual fashion. Then our first adventure with the "Trinkets and Treasures" sale was a huge success! Betsy Porter chaired this event and the time and effort she and the committee put into it certainly paid off. We generated almost \$2,000 in sales! We were fortunate to be able to move the event indoors, due to the inclement weather. Our wonderful Friends of the Library group and several extremely helpful gentlemen assisted in getting all the tables set up and merchandise displayed. Many hands helped to box up the leftover goods and take them next door to the thrift store. What an amazing team. We are so fortunate. Thank you isn't a big enough phrase to express our gratitude to everyone involved with the sale. The event was well received by the community and visitors alike. Our Pine/Strawberry community really stepped up to donate wonderful items and we are truly grateful.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27th at 1:00pm. Betsy has lined up yet another amazing speaker. Dale Bellisfield will be talking about the benefits of dark chocolate. Chocolate anything is a benefit! I hope you all can join us for this meeting.

We are still looking for a secretary for our group. This is a two-year position, and I hope someone will consider filling this slot. Carol Trimble has graciously agreed to continue in the treasurer's position.

I hope to see everyone again at our next meeting and bring a friend or two. Who knows? There might be chocolate involved in our refreshments.

Thanks for being the wonderful, talented, hard-working group you are!

Teresa Sweeney, President

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance 9/01/2025	\$ 8,552.73
Deposits: Proceeds from Two Sales	\$ 3,624.00
Expenses:	<u>(\$ 234.00)</u>
Ending Balance 9/30/2025	\$11,942.73

Carol Trimble, Treasurer

Secretary's Report :

President Teresa Sweeney called the meeting to order at 1 pm. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. With our speaker talking about Mars, Sue Hedman asked the group to share unusual sky sightings and some shared a few of their stories.

Vice President Betsy Porter introduced Professor Ron Smith, former Griffith Observatory Planetarium lecturer and Professor of Astronomy at Santa Rosa College. Professor Smith discussed the challenges of colonizing Mars and how it could be possible.

There were 16 people in attendance for the program.

After the wonderful program, refreshments were served, and the business meeting began.

Old Business

Sharon Ballentine made a motion to approve the July 27, 2025 minutes as written in the August and September Library Friends Newsletters. Sue Hedman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Carol Trimble made a report of the July financials:

Beginning Balance 7/1/2025	\$7,974.63
Deposits:	
Book 4 th of July Book Sales	\$1,321.00
Dues	\$ 150.00
Money Returned from Sale	\$ 285.00
Disbursements (DVD, Cleaning)	<u>(\$ 200.00)</u>
Ending Balance 7/31/2025	\$9,530.63

Helen Palmer made a motion to approve the July Treasurer's Report. Betsy Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Carol Trimble made a report of the August financials:

Beginning Balance 8/1/2025	\$9,530.63
Deposits (Dues)	\$ 130.00
Disbursements (DVD, Cleaning Library Carpet)	<u>(\$1,107.90)</u>
Ending Balance 8/31/2025	\$8,552.73

Helen Palmer made a motion to approve the August Treasurer's Report. Sharon Balentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carol also reported the Labor Day Book Sale total \$1,206.65 of which \$678.75 for book sales, \$261.90 for donations and \$266.00 for raffle. She is keeping out \$400 for the Treasures and Trinkets money box. The breakdown for the Labor Day book sales was \$235 on Friday, \$291 on Saturday and \$152.75 on Sunday.

Betsy reported on the progress for the Trinkets and Treasures sale to be held on Saturday, September 27th at the Ramada. She has sold over \$100 from sales already. She explained the process for setting up items on the tables. On Friday from 2-4 pm, people should drop off items in this meeting room for pricing. We need help at 6:30 am on Saturday morning to set up and throughout the day for selling. At 2 pm on Saturday, we need help to take all leftover items to the Senior Thrift Store.

Teresa thanked Sue Hedman for bringing treats for today's meeting

Discussion regarding Wine Around the Library was tabled to the October meeting.

Betsy reported that Dale Bellisfield will be the speaker at our October 27th meeting, and the subject is the benefits of chocolate.

Aggie Hansen raised a question about the possibility of putting a bathroom in this building. Helen Palmer stated she has attended CERCA meetings and they are attempting to get grants for building repairs. The CERCA financials run at a monthly deficit and the rental for the buildings has increased to help offset the building costs.

Ron Plantz stated our projector is pretty old and could we consider purchasing a new or used one depending on usage. It was suggested the donation jar at the Treasures and Trinkets could have a sign explaining that proceeds go to library needs, which could include a projector.

New Business

Per the Bylaws, there was discussion on electing Treasurer and Secretary for two-year periods.

Helen Palmer nominated Carol Trimble as Treasurer. Sharon Balentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no nominations for Secretary, and the nomination was tabled to the October meeting.

The next meeting is October 27th. There is no November meeting. The December Christmas potluck luncheon will be at Noon on December 8th.

Sharon Balentine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 pm. Aggie Hansen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Buechner, Secretary

Members to keep in our thoughts and prayers:



*If you know of someone to add to our concern list, please contact
Diane Buechner or Ann Pendleton at 476-3678*

Library Manager's Report: By Ann Pendleton

SEES Candy coming to the PINE LIBRARY! The candy should be here the week of Thanksgiving for purchase. A great holiday gift for friends, family or a gift to treat yourself!

See's CANDIES.

2025 Winter Fundraising



Assorted Chocolates
Milk and dark chocolates.
Delivered in resealable wrap.
1 lb. \$32.00 #550218
2 lb. \$61.00 #550219



Milk Chocolate
Pure milk chocolate goodness.
Delivered in resealable wrap.
1 lb. \$32.00 #550220



Dark Chocolate
A taste of cacao in every bite.
Delivered in resealable wrap.
1 lb. \$32.00 #550221



Mocha de Choc
Yummy, chocolaty and oh-so-choc.
Delivered in resealable wrap.
1 lb. \$32.00 #550222
2 lb. \$61.00 #550223



Truffles
Wonderful decadent and rich.
1 lb. \$28.50 #506441



Tuffee-ettes®
Chunky bites, milk chocolate & almonds.
1 lb. \$32.00 #550216



Assorted Lollypops
Vanilla, Salted Caramel, Caramel & Chocolate.
Approximately 20 lollypops.
1 lb. \$32.00 #550224



Peanut Brittle
Buttery, crunchy and irresistible.
1 lb. \$32.00 #550225



Christmas Buddies Box
Beloved Santa Classics.
5.3 lb. \$113.50 #511010



Silver Assorted
An assortment that shines on its own.
8 lb. \$18.25 #509542



Assorted Peppermints
Creamy mint treats in milk & dark chocolate.
8 lb. \$10.00 #510267



Playful Penguins Box
An army of adorable treats.
7.5 lb. \$14.50 #511011



Santa's Helper Box
An irresistible treat.
3.8 lb. \$11.50 #510781



Festive Ornaments Box
The ultimate stocking stuffer.
3.8 lb. \$11.50 #510782